

CENTRAL LOUISIANA REGIONAL PORT

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

March 28, 2018

The Central Louisiana Regional Port Board of Commissioners convened 8:02 AM, March 28, 2018, at the Port Central Office, 600 River Port Road, Alexandria, Louisiana.

Present were: Norman Welch, President; Dave Clabo, Jesse Doyle, Michael Grant, Dr. Haywood Joiner; Corey Lair; Bryon Salazar; John Scott, Terry Spruill, Blake Cooper, Executive Director

Absent: Basil Smith

Also Present: John Ryland, Provosty, Sadler; Keith Hillman, MMLH; Steve Davison, Cool Planet; Donna Howe, Congressman Abraham, Randy Humphries, CLRP; Stephanie Ryland, CLRP

Roll called by Stephanie Ryland

Upon establishing a quorum, the meeting was called to order by President Norman Welch.

Invocation given by Commissioner Norman Welch

Pledge of Allegiance led by Commissioner Bryon Salazar

Guest welcomed by President Norman Welch

VI. Action Items:

- a. Agenda: Motion by Commissioner D. Clabo, seconded by Commissioner T. Spruill, to approve agenda as proposed; motion carried without opposition.
- b. Minutes: Motion by Commissioner D. Clabo, seconded by Commissioner H. Joiner to approve minutes of meeting held on February 28, 2018; motion carried without opposition.
- c. Financial: Motion by Commissioner C. Lair, seconded by Commissioner J. Scott to approve financial statements for February 2018; motion carried without opposition.
- d. Motion by Commissioner T. Spruill, seconded by Commissioner B. Salazar to approve the 2018-2019 Operating Budget. The President called for any comments from the board or public. There being none, the vote was called and motion carried.
- e. Motion by Commissioner J. Scott, seconded by Commissioner D. Clabo, to the 2018-2019 Capital Budget. The President called for any comments from the board or public. There being none, the vote was called and motion carried.
- f. Motion by Commissioner D. Clabo, seconded by Commissioner T. Spruill, to accept the 'letter of engagement' from Kolder, Slaven and Company for audit services for fiscal year 2018-2019. Discussion was held; motion carried without opposition.
- g. Motion by Commissioner H. Joiner, seconded by Commissioner C. Lair, to accept the 'letter of engagement' from Payne, Moore, and Herrington for accounting services for fiscal year 2018-2019; motion carried without opposition.
- h. Motion by Commissioner D. Clabo, seconded by Commissioner T. Spruill to approve the Town Talk as the official journal; motion carried unanimously.
- i. Motion by Commissioner D. Clabo, seconded by Commissioner C. Lair to approve insurance renewals as presented; motion carried unanimously.
- j. Motion by Commissioner D. Clabo, seconded by Commissioner J. Scott to authorize the Executive Director to approve change Order #3 on the EDA/RRWC project, not to exceed \$15,000 total.

VII. Comments:

- a. Comments by Port Director – B. Cooper provided port updates.
- b. Comments by Legal - none
- c. Comments by Economic Development - none
- d. Comments / Questions by Commissioners – Commissioner J. Scott complimented Blake on his television interview regarding the military rotation.
- e. Comments by public (limited to 3 minutes per person, not to exceed 30 minutes). Steve Davison provided an update that Cool Planet is continuing to move in the right direction. Donna Howe relayed the Congressman’s support to the Port.

There being no further business to come before the board, Commissioner D. Clabo motioned to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner J. Doyle; the meeting was adjourned by President N. Welch at 8:49 AM.

Next meeting date April 25, 2018.

Norman E. Welch, Jr, President